

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 10 and 11 have been amended. Claims 13-18 have been cancelled. Claims 29-35 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-12, 19-26 and 36-54 are pending and under consideration.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Independent claims 10 and 11 have been rewritten in dependent form to depend on claims 1 and 2, respectively. Claims 13-18 have been cancelled.

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the election requirement mailed December 27, 2007, the Applicant elects Species I, with claims 1-12 and 20-26 readable thereon, with traverse.

The Applicant's reason for traversal the Examiner has not (1) provided reasons why the inventions as claimed are distinct beyond stating that the species are "mutually exclusive"; (2) explained why the inventions must be restricted on the basis of (a) separate classification, (b) separate status in the art, or (c) a different field of search. Although the Examiner noted that he believed the Species required different fields of search, the Office Action does not show evidence that the Species are in different fields of search.

Further, although the Examiner noted that no claims are currently generic, it is respectfully submitted that claims 19 and 36-54 are generic.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 1-12, 19-26 and 36-54 be examined on the merits.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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